

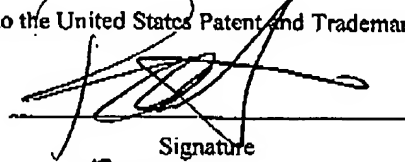
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Examiner: Rielley, Elizabeth A.
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Attorney Docket No.: 2003P14384US

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement for the above case was mailed on November 14, 2005 with a 30-day period to respond.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 28-39 directed to a method of manufacturing an OLED.
- II. Claims 17-27 directed to an OLED.

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III. Claims 40-50 directed to an organic polymer.

The Examiner asserts that Group I, Group II, Group III are distinct inventions.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants assert that the search and examination of all of the claims can be made without serious burden to the Examiner, therefore, the Examiner should examine all the claims on the merits even if the application includes claims to three independent or distinct inventions. *See* MPEP § 803. In addition, the search for all of the first solvents, second solvents, and organic polymers can be made without serious burden on the Examiner. For example, regardless of which of the first solvents listed on page 10 is selected, the invention would be classified in the same class and the field of search would be the same and so there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. *See* MPEP § 808.02.

In the event that the instant Restriction Requirement is maintained despite the above argument, the Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse for the reasons presented above, the following: Group I (i.e., claims 1-16 and 28-39); mesitylene as the first solvent; methylnaphthalene as the second solvent; and polyfluorenes as the organic polymers.

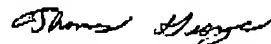
The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or applications claiming priority of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for some reason the Examiner is unable to allow the claims in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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